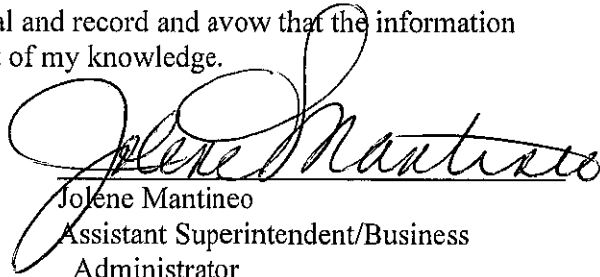


## AFFIDAVIT OF

I, Jolene Mantineo, swear to the following statements:

1. That I am Assistant Superintendent/Business Administrator for Guttenberg Board of Education (District) and part of my responsibilities have included oversight of E-Rate administration.
2. That our Technology Director, David Buonocore , had direct responsibility for the filing of the FY 2018 FCC Form 471.
3. In February 2018, the District was notified that Mr. Buonocore was experiencing some medical issues, but was told it would not affect his job responsibilities.
4. In February 2018, Mr. Buonocore told the District that he was aware of the E-rate application and that he was working on it.
5. As a result of his sudden medical condition, he repeatedly did not report to work and did not report his absence to the District. He was absent 9 out of 17 service school days. During this time, we had no reason to believe that Mr. Buonocore would not complete his responsibilities in filing the E-Rate application.
6. Further or deeper inquiry by the District was difficult given personnel and privacy issues.
7. Our records indicate that Mr. Buonocore's last full day at work was on March 6, 2018. Time passed and uncertainty of his condition and his ability to perform remained unclear until on March 27, 2018, when the District received a letter of resignation via e-mail.
8. Our Technology Director suddenly left the District due to an apparent decline in his medical condition unforeseen from our first notice by him in February and did not inform me or other District personnel that he had not filed the FCC Form 471 by the deadline.
9. His sudden departure left a void in the District, which required some time to understand what items needed immediate attention. Given the sensitivity of the issue, because it related to medical condition, communication was difficult.
10. Immediately upon learning that Mr. Buonocore had not filed the District's Form 471, on April 11, 2018, we hired an E-Rate consultant, EdTechnologyFunds, Inc., to assist us with the filing.
11. On April 20, 2018, the Consultant filed the attached FY2018 FCC Form 471s for Category 1 and Category 2 services under a multi-year contract that the School District awarded on April 15, 2015 to Time Warner.
12. Denial of this funding for FY2018 would create a significant burden on the School District, which is much in need of E-Rate funding.

13. That I have read the foregoing appeal and record and avow that the information therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018

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**KEVIN JIMENEZ**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK**  
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